

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of treating inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) in a patient in need thereof which comprises orally administering to the patient an effective amount of a ~~pooled~~ human ~~polyclonal~~ immunoglobulin preparation.

2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the inflammatory bowel disease is ulcerative colitis (UC).

3. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the inflammatory bowel disease is Crohn's disease.

4. (Currently amended) A method of treating mucosal inflammation which comprises orally administering to a patient suffering from said mucosal inflammation an effective amount of a ~~pooled~~ human ~~polyclonal~~ immunoglobulin preparation.

5. (Original) The method according to any one of Claims 1-4 wherein the immunoglobulin is at least one of immunoglobulin G (IgG), immunoglobulin A (IgA) or a mixture of immunoglobulin G (IgG) and immunoglobulin A (IgA).

6. (Original) The method according to any one of Claims 1-4 wherein the immunoglobulin preparation is dispersed in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

7. (Original) The method according to any one of Claims 1-4 wherein the amount of immunoglobulin administered to said patient is from about 0.5 to 1.5 grams at least once a day.

8. (Original) The method according to any one of Claims 1-4 wherein the immunoglobulin is enterically coated.

9. (Currently amended) A method of treating inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) in a patient in need thereof which comprises orally administering to the patient a ~~pooled~~ human ~~polyclonal~~ immunoglobulin preparation comprising at least about 25% IgG ~~polyclonal~~ antibodies.

10. (Currently amended) A method of treating mucosal inflammation which comprises orally administering to a patient suffering from said mucosal inflammation a ~~pooled~~ human ~~polyclonal~~ immunoglobulin preparation comprising at least about 25% IgG ~~polyclonal~~ antibodies.

11. (Withdrawn) A method of treating inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) in a patient in need thereof which comprises orally administering to the patient a pooled human polyclonal immunoglobulin preparation comprising at least about 30% to about 85% IgG, about 5% to about 30% IgA and about 1% to about 25% IgM polyclonal antibodies.

12. (Withdrawn) A method of treating mucosal inflammation which comprises orally administering to a patient suffering from said mucosal inflammation a pooled human polyclonal immunoglobulin preparation comprising at least about 85% IgG, about 5% to about 30% IgA and about 1% to about 25% IgM polyclonal antibodies.

13. (New) The method of any one of Claim 1 or 9-10 wherein said human immunoglobulin preparation comprises immunoglobulins pooled from human individuals.

14. (New) The method of Claim 13, wherein said immunoglobulins are polyclonal human antibodies.